

DOG LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 137, all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed annually.

Certificates of rabies vaccination and spay or neutering must accompany a dog license application unless the dog is exempt. *(VTS- I would like the word “exempt” to link to the next paragraph... I do not want to automatically show this)*

Exemption may be obtained from the Board of Health in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 145B upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate indicating one of the following reasons:

- physical infirmity;
- other physical condition or regimen of therapy;
- such inoculation is considered inadvisable for a specified period of time for the following reasons: in transit or temporarily for purpose of show.

Annual Licensing Period

January 1st through December 31st, both dates inclusive.

It is the responsibility of the dog owner to license their dog(s) on time, but as a courtesy the town clerk's office mails a reminder with the annual census in January.

All licenses **expire on December 31st annually.**

Late fees are effective **March 1st.**

Failure to License is an additional \$50.00 fine per dog. (M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 141).

Kennel Licensing:

Anyone applying for a kennel license with five (5) or more dogs is subject to local zoning requirements and must file an application with the Zoning Board of Appeals. (*VTS – please link to Zoning Board of Appeals webpage*)

A kennel license may only be issued or renewed upon written approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or after inspection and determination by an Animal Control Officer.

Fees

Neutered or Spayed dogs = \$7.00 each

Intact dogs = \$10.00 each

Lost Tag Replacement = \$2.00

Late fee = \$10.00 each

Kennel for 4 to 5 dogs = \$30.00

Kennel for 6 to 9 dogs = \$60.00

Kennel for 10 dogs or more = \$150.00

Payment Options

A dog license may be obtained in one of the following ways:

1. Go to the Town Clerk's Office (*VTS – link to just the address*)
2. Order licenses by mail (*VTS – link to mail-in license applications*)
3. Pay online. (Coming soon!) (*VTS – link to Unibank & instructions*)

For mail orders, send:

- A copy of a **current** RABIES Certificate
- Proof of spay or neutering (if applicable)
- A check or money order made out to the "Town of Carver"
- A self-addressed stamped envelope with .70 cents postage for return of the tag(s), hook(s) and license(s).

Send the above to: Town Clerk's Office
108 Main Street
Carver, MA 02330

During our peak licensing period please allow 1 to 2 weeks for license(s) to be returned.

For the safety of your dog(s) and for the protection of Carver residents, the Town of Carver strictly enforces a leash law.